



State of play

Revision of the PPE Directive

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Recent history

Impact Assessment Study: finished 2010

- **Done by external contractor**

Public Consultation: finished 2011

- **Report on results on Europa website**

(http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/mechanical/personal-protective-equipment/public-consultation/index_en.htm)





Next steps

*Drafting the impact assessment report
and approval by the Impact Assessment Board*

- **Required by Commission rules**

*Formulation of the new text
(revised Directive or Regulation)*

Inter-service consultation

Commission proposal to Council and Parliament





Draft Timeline but do not pin me down on this ;-)

Impact Assessment Report 

Formulating new text 

Inter-service consultation 

Translation 

Adoption of the proposal by the Commission 

Council and Parliament 



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Proposed Changes

Changes to

- **the scope**
 - **the conformity assessment procedures**
 - **documentary requirements**
 - **basic health and safety requirements**
- + alignment with the NLF Decision 768/2008**





Changes to the scope

Align products for private and professional use

- **exclude clothing for adverse atmospheric conditions for professional use**
- **include dishwashing gloves for private use**
- **include oven gloves for private use**

Clarify that motocross helmets are not excluded by referring to the UNECE Regulation





Changes to conformity assessment procedures (1)

clarification for

- **custom made products**
- **equipment for use in low/high temperature environments not limited to emergency equipment**





Changes to conformity assessment procedures (2)

move from category II to category III

- **life jackets (buoyancy aids to remain in cat II)**
- **ear plugs, ear muffs protecting against noise**
- **bullet-resistant, knife stab-resistant PPE**
- **protection against cutting by hand held chain saws**
- **equipment against high pressure cutting**





Changes to conformity assessment procedures (3)

adapt the conformity assessment procedure to the modules

Cat I -> Module A

Cat II -> Module B

Cat III -> Module B + F1 or D





Changes to documentary requirements

limit the validity of EC type-examination certificates

require a technical file for category I PPE

under discussion:

harmonise the content of EC type-examination certificates

require the Declaration of conformity to be supplied with the PPE





Changes to BHSR – Annex II

mechanical vibration: delete reference to limit values (BHSR 3.1.3)

protection against the harmful effects of noise: delete reference to comfort index (BHSR 3.5)

non-ionizing radiation: replacements of the reference to transmission curve by protection factor (BHSR 3.9.1)





Thank you for your attention!

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